

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following paragraph before the paragraph titled BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION on page 1 of the specification:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 119(a), this application claims the benefit of earlier filing date and right of priority to the Korean Application No. 200069028, filed on November 20, 2000, the content of which is hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.

Please replace paragraph beginning on page 14, line 20 with the following paragraph:

The cable modem 40 performs a registration process ~~by singusing~~ the downloaded configuration file. By performing the registration process, the user personal computer can transmit various information such as the Internet data to a different network and receive various information data from an external network (step S9).

Please replace paragraph beginning on page 12, line 24 with the following paragraph:

Upon comparison, if the received configuration file name is different from the ~~file~~-file names stored in the non-volatile memory 270 (step S15), it is determined that there is a new configuration file and the received configuration file is downloaded from the TFTP server (step S16), and then the non-volatile memory 270 is updated with the new downloaded configuration file name and the configuration file version information.

Please replace paragraph beginning on page 13, line 14 with the following paragraph:

Upon comparison, if the received ~~first~~-configuration file version information is the same or ~~smaller~~-earlier than the ~~second~~-configuration file version information stored in the non-volatile memory 270, it is determined that the received ~~first~~-configuration file version information is

identical to the previously stored configuration file. Then, the previously downloaded ~~second~~ configuration file is read from the non-volatile memory 270 and ~~then~~ the registration process of the cable modem is performed (step S21).

Please replace paragraph beginning on page 14, line 13 with the following paragraph:

Secondly, by encoding the version information to the configuration file, the configuration version information existing in the current TFTP server ~~can be~~is known even without downloading the configuration file. Thus, ~~in the~~when initializing ~~process of~~ the cable modem, ~~only when a configuration file having a higher version exists in the TFTP server,~~ the configuration file ~~needs to~~only be downloaded to update the non-volatile memory, ~~so that~~only when a configuration file having a later version exists in the TFTP server. Therefore, the time required for downloading the configuration file ~~can~~may be minimized.